

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## A TRIBUTE TO YOLANDA MARTIN

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Yolanda Martin, a native of the town of Puerto Annuelles in the beautiful and rich province of Chiriqui, in the Republic of Panama. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her accomplishments.

Ms. Martin migrated to the United States in 1981, and settled in Brooklyn, New York. Ms. Martin's story is similar to many of our Nation's proud immigrants. In 1999 through 2002, she founded three Child Care Services. Ms. Martin is the executive director and CEO of Minnie's Day Care Center, Parents United For A Better Day Care Centers No. 1 and No. 2, both of which operate 24 hours. All centers provide parents with day care services, an after school program, pre-kindergarten classes, a summer program and overnight child care.

Ms. Martin attended several colleges over the years and is a N.Y. State certified EMT, NY State certified AIDS and HIV educational instructor, an American Red Cross CPR and First Aid instructor.

From 1982–1985, Ms. Martin worked for NY State with the mentally disabled, from 1985–1998, she worked for the NYS Division for Youth Corrections in facilities with incarcerated youth ages 14 to 18 years old. From 1991 to 1995, she worked with the NYC Department of Education as an integrating bilingual paraprofessional in special education. From 1990 to 1995, Ms. Martin also worked as an Emergency Technician with Tri-Com Ambulance services.

Ms. Martin is the proud mother of three beautiful children: Ronald (25) Kendra (18) Courtney (9) and an adopted daughter in Panama, Kiris (10). When she is not working with others in the community, Ms. Martin spends time with her children and family. She is known for her excellent cooking, baking and interior decorating skills. Ms. Martin's hobbies are the performing arts, modeling, and horseback riding. One of her short-term goals is to own her own horse and then a stable with a minimum of six horses is her long-term goal. Ms. Martin truly believes that the key to success is to do for others. Says Ms. Martin, "the more you do, the more is returned to you," it is the rule of the Universe.

Mr. Speaker, Yolanda Martin's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I am proud to pay tribute to the years of service and protection provided to the citizens of Missouri by the Highway Patrol.

On April 24, 1931, Governor Henry S. Caulfield signed Senate Bill 36, establishing the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The bill provided for a superintendent, 10 captains, and 115 patrolmen, but only 55 men were originally hired as troopers. The first superintendent, Lewis Ellis, was hired on July 21, 1931, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol became effective on September 14, 1931.

Throughout its 75 years, the Patrol has provided many invaluable services. In addition to enforcing traffic laws, it encourages traffic safety to the public through displays, speaking engagements, Community Alliance Programs, and the Safety Education Center. The Governor's Security Division, a branch of the Patrol, provides security to Missouri's governor, his family, and visiting dignitaries. Since the Patrol assumed the operation of Missouri's weigh stations in 1942, it has also proven vital to the removal of illegal drugs from the highways.

In the last 75 years, Missouri has called upon the Patrol for assistance in periods of civil unrest and natural disaster. In 1954, troopers were called upon to help quell a full-scale prison riot. The Patrol helped Missourians overcome the paralysis caused by the Great Flood of 1993. After Hurricane Katrina, 56 Patrol personnel responded to a call for assistance to Biloxi, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, the Missouri State Highway Patrol can be proud of all it has done for the State of Missouri. I know the Members of the House will join me in congratulating the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 75 years of excellent service.

## TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA "LIBBY" MAYNARD

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Olivia Maynard as she receives the Eleanor Roosevelt Award from the Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus. Olivia will be honored at a luncheon on Saturday, April 8th in Detroit.

Olivia Maynard, also known as Libby, has served the people of Michigan in numerous capacities since graduating from the University

of Michigan in 1971 with a Master of Social Work degree. After serving as the director of the Office of Services to the Aging, she ran for Lieutenant Governor in 1990 with Governor Jim Blanchard. President Clinton appointed her to the Federal Council on Aging, and she served as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

Elected in 1996 as a Regent of the University of Michigan, she was re-elected in 2004 and continues in that capacity at the present time. Deeply committed to Michigan and its people, Libby was a founding member of Michigan Prospect an organization committed to connecting government to its citizens and creating a caring democratic society. Currently serving as President of Michigan Prospect, Libby devotes her time and energy to bringing about a diverse, just, humane state of Michigan.

Libby also serves as a trustee of the C.S. Mott Foundation, on the boards of the Nature Conservancy of Michigan, McLaren Regional Medical Center, the Council on Michigan Foundations and the Council on Foundations. She is the past chair of the Michigan Democratic Party. Along with her husband, S. Olof Karlstrom, an attorney in private practice, they have generously supported Michigan establishments. Their gift of \$2.25 million to the University of Michigan School of Social Work is just one example of their commitment to supporting the institutions and ideas that will make the future of Michigan brighter.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to stand with me and applaud the tremendous contributions Olivia Maynard has made to the promotion of dignity, justice, education, and social well-being. Her lifelong commitment to all segments of society has made a positive impact on the lives of countless persons. I value her support, counsel and common sense. Olivia Maynard is one of the giants of the Flint Michigan community and I am honored to call her my friend.

## REAFFIRMING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, Chinese President Hu Jintao is scheduled to visit Washington, DC, later this month. Mr. Hu is most likely to discuss trade, currency, North Korea, Iran and Taiwan with President Bush. I ask President Bush to not yield to Chinese demands on Taiwan but to reaffirm our long standing support for Taiwan and its people.

During the 1995–1996 Taiwan Strait missile crises, President Clinton sent two aircraft carrier battle groups into the region. Since then, the Chinese military has greatly expanded its capabilities and deployed hundreds of missiles targeting Taiwan. As the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs

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